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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Signal Center - Cable Secretariat.

1. On 4 September 1957 Mr. [REDACTED] Executive Officer, and I were briefed on the mission, functions, and procedural activities of the Signal Center and the Cable Secretariat; this included a physical inspection of these areas. Mr. [REDACTED] Chief of the Signal Center, [REDACTED], Cable Secretary, and Mr. [REDACTED] of the Management Staff, accompanied us and participated in our discussions. The primary purpose of this briefing and inspection was to conclude whether or not there appeared to be any unnecessary duplication between these two activities and, if so, whether manpower savings could be effected through a combination of some or all of the functions of the two units.

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2. In the broad sense, the Signal Center is interested in the technical aspects of communications, whereas the Cable Secretariat is interested in the substantive aspects of the messages themselves. On the surface there appeared to be certain mechanical processes carried on by each activity which seemed at least worthy of study to determine whether or not a combination of such procedures might not be effected in order to bring about a saving in manpower. There was also a question as to whether or not it would be feasible to combine the functions of the Signal Center personnel with those of the Cable Secretariat in those areas which require judgment as to the distribution of messages, their sensitivity, and certain other refinements which are now carried on for the Office of the Director.

3. It was agreed that both of these areas were worth study by the Management Staff in conjunction with the Signal Center and Cable Secretariat. Mr. [REDACTED] was directed to undertake such a study.

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